



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School
"With God's love, we are a family,
CARING, LEARNING and
GROWING together."

Newsletter 17th July 2026



*Thank you to all our children and staff for a
very successful school year.*

*Wishing all our families a happy and safe
summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing
you all again on the
2nd September 2026.*

IMPORTANT

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The Government has announced changes to Free School Meals eligibility from September 2026, which will result in more families becoming entitled. If your household receives Universal Credit, your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals.

We encourage all parents and carers to check their eligibility and **submit an application, even if they have not qualified previously.**

Registering for Free School Meals not only provides support with the cost of school meals but also helps schools access additional funding to support pupils.

For more information and to apply, please visit the Halton Borough Council website which will take you directly to the application form.

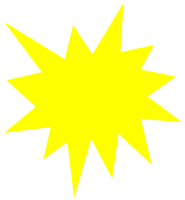
<https://cyp.halton.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

IMPORTANT

We are due to get a new kitchen during the summer holidays, and this will cause some disruption to the meals before and after. This is out of our control and we will do our very best to get the kitchen up and running again as soon as possible. As you can appreciate replacing an industrial kitchen is a large job and will take a considerable amount of time but it is long overdue and we have waited a long time for the refurbishment.

Therefore, there will be no hot meals on the following dates, but sandwiches will be provided. Please book on School Grid as normal for sandwich options.

- Monday 20th July
- Tuesday 21st July
- The whole of September.



SJF's First Ever PTA Colour Run!



Our colour run was a resounding success and raised over £600.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported it—the children had a great time and so did the staff.





Year 3 Road Safety

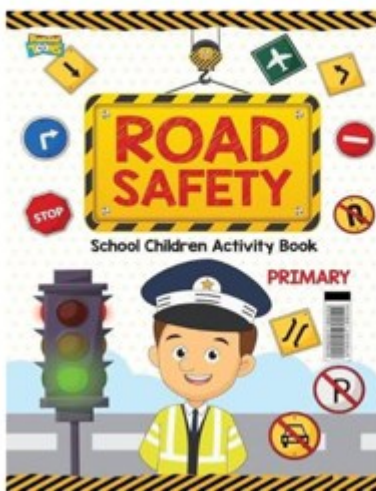
Year 3 had a visit from Halton Borough Councils Road Safety Coordinator Michelle. They looked at how to stay safe on the roads when waking to and from school.



Year 3 had a visit from Michelle a Road Safety Officer from Halton Borough Council



We were taught how to cross the road safely



September Reminders – Working Together for a Great Start

As we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, we'd like to share a few reminders that will help ensure the school day runs as smoothly as possible.

Many of these requests may seem small, but they all have one thing in common – they help keep children safe, healthy and happy, while reducing unnecessary interruptions to teaching and learning. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a bottle containing water only. Water helps children stay hydrated throughout the day and also supports good dental health by avoiding sugary drinks.

Healthy Snacks (Key Stage 2)

Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a **healthy snack**, such as a piece of fruit, to enjoy at break time. This helps keep energy levels up and supports healthy eating habits. Key Stage 1 have free fruit so do not need a snack.

Uniform

Please ensure your child returns in the correct school uniform. A full uniform list can be found on the next page of this newsletter.

A few reminders:

- Black school shoes should be worn.
- Hair accessories should be kept to our school colours: red, white or grey.

School Bags

Key Stage 1: Please avoid sending children with large backpacks wherever possible. We simply don't have the cloakroom storage space, and oversized bags make it difficult for children to access and find their belongings safely.

We completely understand that, on occasions, a larger bag may be needed for after-school activities or clubs.

Book bags are ideal for everyday use. If you wish to personalise your child's book bag, we kindly ask that only one keyring is attached. Multiple keyrings make bags difficult to store and often become lost or broken, resulting in upset and valuable learning time being spent searching for missing items.

Toys, Squishies and Trinkets

Please do not send children to school with toys, squishies, fidget toys or trinkets from home.

Following recent safety guidance, we need to be particularly cautious about products such as squishies, as we cannot always be certain what materials they contain. These items can also become a distraction, cause disagreements between children or become lost.

Every classroom has a selection of school fidgets available for children who use them as part of their learning. Where appropriate, individual arrangements can also be agreed between parents and the class teacher.

Stationery

Everything your child needs for learning is provided by school, including their own pencil case and stationery.

There is no need to bring pens, pencils, rubbers or other stationery from home. Providing the same equipment for everyone helps avoid lost items, disagreements and unnecessary disruption during the school day.

Parking on Edward Street

Finally, a reminder to please avoid parking on Edward Street at the beginning and end of the school day.

We understand that mornings are busy and everyone is trying to get to where they need to be, but parking in this area puts children's safety at risk. This reminder appears regularly in our newsletters because it is so important.

Please help us to keep all of our children safe by parking considerately and allowing plenty of time for your journey. We would much rather prevent an accident than have to deal with the consequences of one.

Thank you

Thank you for supporting us with these reminders. By working together, we can ensure that children enjoy a safe, organised and positive start to every school day, with as much time as possible dedicated to what matters most – learning.

Please note that we are changing our school PE kit from September for those of you who will be looking to buy a new one. The T-shirt and shorts are available from Boydells. We do not expect you to buy the new kit if you have one that still fits, only when you come to replace it. They are more of a sports style material than cotton.



Our uniform will remain the same.

White shirt

Tie

School cardigan/jumper

Grey Skirt/trousers

Black shoes

Grey forest school sweatshirt and black leggings/joggers

Summer— Red checked summer dress/ plain white polo shirt and grey shorts.



Congratulations to the following Children who have been awarded our Smile, Dojo and Superstar awards



Dates
for your



**SCHOOL CLOSURES ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY AT 1.30PM AND REOPENS
ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026.**

EXTRA CLUB WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 4PM ON TUESDAY 21ST JULY.



Parents and carers newsletter
Padlet



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=146.2>